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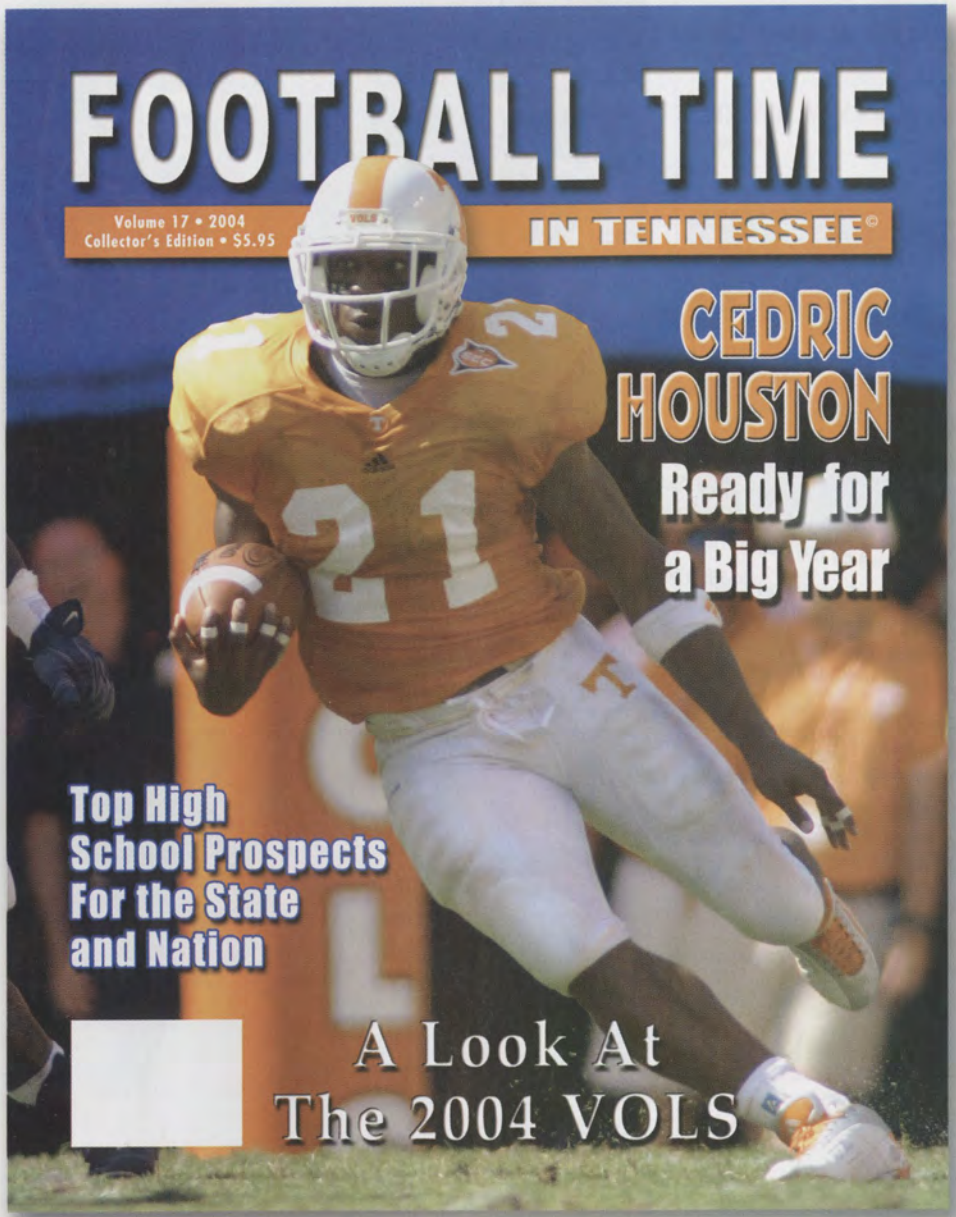

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As another year of athletic competition comes to a close, we'd like to share a brief recap of our results for the 2003-04 school year.

The women's athletics department had a stellar year. The Lady Vols were named the Southeastern Conference women's all-sports winner by the New York Times Regional Newspaper Group. Overall, the Lady Vols claimed league titles in basketball, cross country and soccer during the 2003-04 academic year and won the SEC Eastern Division title in softball. A remarkable 10 of 11 sports sponsored by the department advanced to their respective NCAA events.

The men's athletic department finished the season with seven of the men's nine sports advancing to their respective NCAA events while the other two (football and basketball) competed in postseason play. Among other accomplishments this year, the football team tied for first in the Southeastern Conference Eastern Division, and the swimming team posted the highest NCAA championship national finish of all UT's men's sports, with an eighth place finish.

On the administrative side, we were able to successfully cut our budget by almost $2 million this year. In the coming year, we will continue to identify additional opportunities to streamline our costs. Thanks to the generous support of our donors, we also experienced our best year ever in fundraising.

Single game football tickets will go on sale at utsports.com July 1. As we get ready for football season, we would like your input. On utsports.com, we have launched a fan survey to get feedback on the gameday experience from our fans. If you have not had an opportunity to take the survey yet, we hope you will visit the web site and give us your feedback.

Thanks for all you do to make Tennessee one of the best programs in the country.

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Vols will kick off 2004 in Retro Style

Don't mess with your binoculars or rub your eyes when you get to Neyland Stadium for the UNLV game Sept. 5. That really is the Tennessee Volunteers out there on Shields-Watkins Field in the white jerseys.

That hasn't happened since the Vols first unveiled orange jerseys Sept. 23, 1922.

As the story goes, the color was taken from the common American daisy which grew on the north end of The Hill. Over the past 84 years, the Vols have worn various shades of orange at home.

The season opener in September against UNLV offers a one-game break in that tradition, as the Vols will come out in retro jerseys, the white shirts with the orange collars, made famous in the 1971, 1972 and 1973 seasons. It began in 1971 in Gainesville, Fla., a 20-13 Vol win and continued until the 1974 Auburn game on the Plains, when the Vols came out in more vanilla white shirts, ones with no collar.

Here's a look at how the Vols did in those now retro jerseys:

Oct. 2, 1971, Tennessee 20, Florida 13 ... Tennessee had led 13-0 before the Gators rallied to tie things just before halftime. Quarterback Phil Pierce, the third Vols signal-caller in as many games that season, led a 99-yard drive in the third quarter that broke a 13-13 tie and the Vols defense did the rest as UT won a night contest at Florida Field. Pierce found Stan Trott for a 25-yard TD pass for the winning score.

Oct. 16, 1971, Alabama 32, Tennessee 15 ... Eight turnovers proved costly for the Vols, who somehow still found themselves trailing just 22-15 late in the fourth quarter. But a long kickoff return by the Tide and a short TD drive following an unsuccessful fourth-down try at the Vols 30 led to the clinching points for the Tide's first victory over the Vols since 1966.

Nov. 20, 1971, Tennessee 21, Kentucky 7 ... With what Kentucky coach Johnny Ray called a "freak play," Tennessee, which had led most of the day, escaped a Wildcat upset bid under the strangest of circumstances. Kentucky was driving to what could have been the tying or winning points when Carl Johnson knocked the ball loose from Kentucky's Bernie Scruggs and rumbled the other way for the winning score.

Nov. 4, 1972, Tennessee 14, Georgia 0 ... It was a day for Tennessee's offensive front as Haskel Stanback ran for 96 yards, Bill Rudder for 78 and the Vols had five drives of 50 yards or more. Vol defenders played well enough to hand the Bulldogs their first shutout since 1963.

Nov. 25, 1972, Tennessee 30, Vanderbilt 10...Stanback ran for 143 yards and a school record for season yardage, bypassing Hank Lauricella in the process ,as the Vols won on a windy day in Nashville. Tennessee led 16-10 going into the fourth quarter but TD runs by Condredge Holloway and Stanback ended up getting the job done and closing the regular season with a 9-2 mark.

Oct. 20, 1973, Alabama 42, Tennessee 21 ... Another long day in Birmingham, this time marked by a 21-point fourth-quarter explosion by the Tide. Tennessee and Alabama roared up and down the Legion Field artificial surface, before the final blitz in the early part of the fourth stanza. Holloway tossed three TD passes and otherwise proved elusive all day.

Bubba Miller was a dynamo up front for the Vols in the mid-1990s.

Nov. 17, 1973, Mississippi 28, Tennessee 18 ... Mississippi led from beginning to end, taking a 14-3 first-half lead and used a powerful running game to hand the Vols the first back-to-back defeats of the Bill Battle era. Tailback James Reed was the Vols' chief tormentor, knocking off 137 yards and proving to be hard to handle. Gary Valbuena tossed two TD passes and a two-point conversion to pace the Vols.

Nov. 24, 1973, Tennessee 16, Kentucky 14... Tennessee recovered from the onslaught in Jackson a week earlier, but the game was still in doubt until the final play. Tennessee led 16-0 before the Cats rallied for 14 points in the third quarter. A last-second Wildcat field goal for the victory fell short, and the Vols escaped with a win in their first game at Commonwealth Stadium.

The whole issue of white jerseys is an intriguing part of Tennessee football history and lore.

Up until 1971, Tennessee wore white shirts on the road only out of necessity. You went to a road game and the Vols were there decked out in orange.

The "Miracle at South Bend" 1991 ... Trailing 34-7 late in the second quarter, the Vols the ran off 28 points in a row, started by Floyd Miley's return of a blocked field goal for a touchdown and capped by an Andy Kelly screen to Aaron Hayden that put the Vols ahead. Jeremy Lincoln blocked a last-second Irish field goal to preserve the victory.

Regardless whether he wore Orange or White, John Henderson (98) as a load for opposing offenses, shown in the 2000 game at Memphis.

There were a few exceptions, however, that caused Vols fans to have the willies when white shirts were mentioned.

Here's the tally.

·Texas 16, Tennessee 0, in the 1953 Cotton Bowl

·Alabama 35, Tennessee 0, in 1963 with Tide Joe Willie Namath giving the Vols the "Willies" literally

·Texas 36, Tennessee 13, in the 1969 Cotton Bowl

Former Vols tailback Mallon Faircloth was present that day in 1963 when the Vols trotted onto Legion Field in their new white shirts, part of the "Halloween" look that year under head coach Jim McDonald.

Faircloth, who received his UT law degree in 1968, was the last of the single-wing tailbacks. He is now a Magistrate in United States District Court, Middle District of Georgia, Columbus Division. He remembered that day nearly 41 years ago.

"We had new orange jerseys that season and new white ones had just come in," he recalled. "They were the jerseys with stripes across the shoulder. I guess Coach McDonald wanted to change our luck.

"He didn't discuss it with any of us. I think he told us that week we were wearing them. We were undermanned in the offensive line."

The Vols recovered from their first three games in white to end up playing pretty well in the white shirts, assembling an 81-50-2 (.617) record over that time, all games obviously on the road. That's 61.7 percent as opposed to an overall winning percentage in the school's history of 69.8 (736-303-53)

So Vols fans, you needn't be afraid of the white shirts any longer.

by Tom Mattingly

SOME OF THE TOP MOMENTS IN WHITE JERSEYS

Dale Jones against Alabama in 1985, Tennessee 16, Alabama 14 ... Here's the answer to some dangerous circumstances. The Vols led 16-14 in the fourth quarter with quarterback Tony Robinson on the planks with a season-ending knee injury. The Tide were driving to the north end at Legion Field for a potential game-winning score when Vol defensive end Dale Jones intercepted a Mike Shula pass at near point-blank range to stop the Tide's momentum.

Peyton Manning to Joey Kent in 1985 Tennessee 41, Alabama 14 in 1995 ... Tennessee had not beaten Alabama since 1985 (there was a tie that became a victory in 1993), and hopes were high for the streak to come to an end. It did as the Vols scored on an 80-yard pass and run from Peyton Manning to Joey Kent on "Play No. 1" as the Vol Network's John Ward described it. The final was 41-14,and the Vols would only lose to the Tide once in the intervening years, and have won five in a row in Birmingham and Tuscaloosa.

Johnnie Jones against Alabama in 1983, Tennessee 41, Alabama 34... The Vols and Tide were embroiled in an offensive shootout with the ball facing third down at the UT 34. In the commotion of Legion Field, Alan Cockrell somehow got the play called, checked off to an audible and pitched the pigskin to junior tailback Johnnie Jones. All Jones did was race untouched to the north end to give the Vols a seven7-point lead and enough cushion to hold off the Tide.

Miami Game, Nov. 8, 2003, Tennessee 10, Miami 6 ... No one gave Tennessee much of a chance as the Big Orange headed to its first game in Miami since the Jan. 1 encounter with Oklahoma in 1968. In a classic game of field position and the kicking game, the Vols made the most of a second-quarter scoring opportunity and held on for the win. Derrick Tinsley scored the TD on a fourth-quarter run and recovered a fumbled punt late in the game to seal the victory.

Florida 2001, Tennessee 34, Florida 32... Tennessee was the obvious underdog, but made all the requisite plays to take the first win at Florida since 1971. Travis Stephens led the ground assault with 225 yards and two TDs, while Buck Fitzgerald broke up a two-point conversion pass that could have tied the game in the waning minutes. John Finlayson recovered the ensuing onsides kick, and that was that.

"Cobb-Webb" against UCLA in 1989, Tennessee 24, UCLA 6 ... The Vols were coming off a 5-6 season in 1988 and had been unimpressive in a season-opening victory over Colorado State. UCLA was heavily favored, but the Vols dominated the proceedings on both sides of the ball, with Reggie Cobb and Chuck Webb doing most of the damage on the ground. It was the beginning barrage to an 11-1 season and Cotton Bowl victory over Arkansas.

Carl Pickens against Louisville in 1991, Tennessee 28, Louisville 11 ... Pickens caught a 75-yard TD pass on the third play of the season-opener at Cardinal Stadium and had an 67-yard punt return for a score. Vols in white jerseys poured in on Cardinal quarterback Jeff Brohm, getting seven sacks for minus-64 yards. The game marked the debut of rookie running backs James Stewart and Aaron Hayden, each of whom gained more than 100 yards. It was a promising beginning for both.

Alabama 2003, Tennessee 51, Alabama 43 ... Five overtimes in Tuscaloosa says it all as the two ancient rivals battled furiously seemingly forever. For every action, there was an equal and opposite reaction. One team would score and the other would respond. A TD pass and two-point conversion from Casey Clausen to James Banks was the ultimate difference. The Vols went down the field in the final seconds to force the extra periods.

1998 Syracuse, Tennessee 34, Syracuse 33 ... Jeff Hall kicked a field goal at the horn to win the season opener in a national championship season. It was Tee Martin's debut as Vol signal-caller, and he had a 55-yard run that led to a score giving the Vols a 31-27 lead. Vol defenders fought the good fight, holding two Syracuse drives to field goals that ultimately kept the Vols close enough for Hall to boot the game-winner.

Lady Vols Excited About 2004-05 Season...

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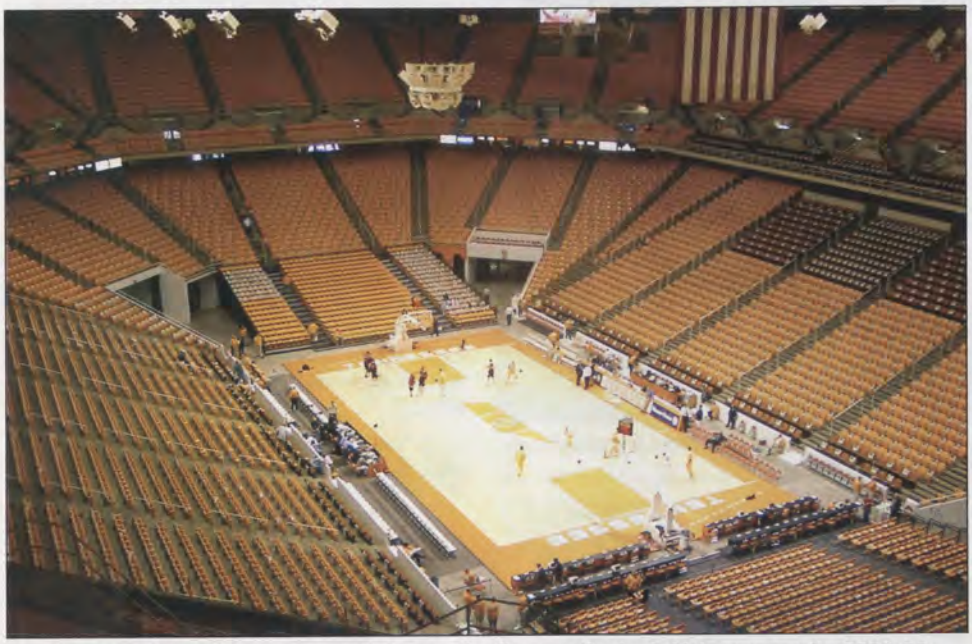

There are just a few seats remaining on the floor as the Lady Vols gear up for 2004-05.

Basketball season may be months away, but the Lady Vols are already looking forward to great things.

Among the things to look forward to, Coach Summitt has recruited one of the best classes in her 30 year tenure at the University of Tennessee. Summitt's signees are Nkolika (Nikki) Anosike, 6-4, C, Staten Island, N.Y., St. Peter's H.S.; Sybil Dosty, 6-3, C, Tucson, Ariz., Salpointe Catholic H.S.; Alexandra (Alex) Fuller, 6-3, F, Shelbyville, Tenn., Shelbyville Central H.S.; Alexis Hornbuckle, 5-11", G, Charleston, W. Va., South Charleston H.S.; Sa'de Wiley-Gatewood, 5-9, G, Pomona, Calif., Lynwood H.S., and Candace Parker, 6-3, F, Naperville, Ill., Naperville Central H.S.

Summitt's "Super Six" is regarded as the best signing class in the nation according to the Blue Star Index. BSI has Tennessee rated No. 1, followed by Maryland, LSU, Duke, Georgia, Rutgers, Stanford, Kentucky, Connecticut and Purdue.

"This is the greatest recruiting class in the modern era," said Mike Flynn, editor of the Blue Star Index to USAToday.com.

Others have concurred as well. "Right now, I agree that it could be the best-ever (recruiting class)," said Bret McCormick, scouting director for All-Star Girls report, to the Chicago Sun-Times."The class was really good before, but Candace put them over the top."

What does the winningest coach in women's basketball think about her latest signees in her 30th season at the helm of the Lady Vols?

"We are extremely excited to have attracted a class as tremendously talented as this one," Summitt said. "Not only are they outstanding student-athletes, but they are great young ladies who will fit right in to the Lady Vol family.

"The entire staff and players all contributed to the recruiting effort. I can't say enough about our staff - they all rose to the challenge of recruiting such a large and talented class of players. And the current Lady Vols were outstanding hostesses as they delivered the message about life as a Lady Vols basketball player, our winning brand of basketball and the standards of success we achieve in the classroom and on the court"

To give fans a closer look at the action, the Lady Vols have rolled out a new seating option that brings the game closer to the fans - literally.

In the 2001-2002 season, the men's basketball program unveiled new premium seating with two rows of seats on the floor. The new seating option was such a success, the Lady Vols want to give their fans the same opportunity.

"The fans at the men's games have really enjoyed it," said Joan Cronan, women's athletic director. "Because of that, we are excited about offering this opportunity to fans of women's basketball as well. We look forward to having two rows of fans right on top of the court to cheer on the Lady Vols this winter"

For the 2004-05 season, the Lady Vols have a limited number of premium floor seats still available. Seats are available to donors who make annual fund gifts of $10,000 per year and who make capital gifts of $30,000 per pair, which can be donated over a four-year period. Money raised from the premium seats will be used for facility improvements including proposed fan-related improvements to Thompson-Boling Arena.

"The response from this new opportunity has been overwhelming," said Scott Rabenold, director of capital campaigns. "We're excited to see the Lady Vols faithful step forward with these gifts to ensure that Thompson-Boling continues to be a place the Tennessee fan enjoys coming to."

For more information about Lady Vol premium floor seats, contact Rabenold at (865) 974-1218.

COACH SUMMITT'S THOUGHTS ON THE "SUPER SIX"

Nikki Anosike: "Nikki has great speed and quickness, and she runs the floor hard. She will be a great complement to our transition game. Additionally, she has great presence in the paint with her tremendous mobility."

Sybil Dosty: "Sybil is a very skilled basketball player with great court awareness. She has worked hard to extend her range as a consistent 3-point shooter. A solid ballhandler at 6-3, she also has great posting skills."

Alexandra Fuller: "Alex has a scorer's mentality. She is a solid offensive player and very versatile. She is committed to playing hard at both ends of the court."

Sa'de Wiley-Gatewood: "Sa'de is a true point guard with the ability to create for herself and others. She is a big-time player under pressure and has a tremendous feel for the game. Sa'de has a knack for knocking down big shots."

Alexis Hornbuckle: "Alexis is explosive in the open court, and she can change the complexion of the game in a hurry. She has great court awareness - she can find a path to the basket or nail a pullup jumper."

Candace Parker: "Candace is the most versatile 6-3 player (at this stage of her game), that I've ever seen. She has the ability to play every position on the floor from point guard to post. Truly a great inside-outside player, she can elevate at the rim, create off the dribble, post-up, knock down 3s and be an intimidator on defense."

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It's where she sat for six and a half minutes with three other Lady Vols, chugging away. Back and forth their arms and bodies went, following the commands echoing out of three speakers located inside the boat. "It's called the engine room," Chelsea Pemberton says proudly. All-America Kaitlin Bargreen sat directly behind Pemberton, shadowing the motions – those teeth-gritting, muscle-bulging, wear-your-body-out motions.

McKenzie Craig and Dana Forbes also sat in the engine room, a place that sounds more like the dungeon of an old Pirate ship with rowers churning oars on demand. But it's not that bad.

It's the muscle. The meat. The power. It's four of the nine seats that provided woman-powered acceleration to send a nine-person, 58-foot boat down a 2,000-meter chute of water in 6:40.36.

One by one, the red buoys that marked the course passed by the crew's sunglass-covered eyes. The crowd cheered from the shore, but recognizing voices was impossible – the Lady Vols were more than halfway across the country from their Tennessee home.

They could feel their shell cutting the water. Each race during the week had been better than the last, and this was it, the last race they'd row this year. They had to cut through the water better than the day before. They had to gain more ground during each run, each complete stroke of the oar.

They anticipated the encouragement and instruction from Erin Artz, the coxswain or quarterback of the shell. She kept the eight rowers in tune. She helped them set their pace. She was the steering wheel, while the rowers were the gas pedals.

"You're so focused, you don't even see the other boats," Pemberton, a two-time All-America gas pedal, says.

Lisa Glenn taught her crew well.

Well enough that Tennessee stood shoulder-to-shoulder with the Ivy League and West Coast elite by the time the 2004 NCAA Women's Rowing National Championships wrapped up in Sacramento, Calif., May 30. The Lady Vols' 10-place finish was the best ever by the varsity eight shell.

This year's 10th-place finish makes the 2003-04 season the most successful in the program's short history

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CHELSEA PEMBERTON

"It's monumental because it's never been done," says Glenn, who just completed her sixth and best year as Lady Vols coach. "We're always looking for that next step. Not only was it important that we finished in the top 10, but it has gotten us to a place we've wanted to be."

Brown, Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Virginia and Washington are to rowing what Duke and UCLA are to men's basketball, Notre Dame and Alabama to football and, well, the Lady Vols to women's hoops. The schools are synonymous with success and tradition.

Add Tennessee's crew to the expanding list.

"We're not an Ivy League school," Pemberton says. "We're not private. We don't have a 30-year history. And that makes me really proud to be part of Tennessee. It just makes you smile to know you are among the top-16 teams in the nation. A lot of girls used to ask why I wanted to go to Tennessee. Now, they're saying how cool it is that I went to Tennessee."

The Lady Vols made it to the NCAA championships this year for just the third time in the program's nine-year existence. The first was 1997 when the varsity four shell made the same trip to Sacramento, finishing ninth. Last year, the varsity eight shell went to the championships in Indianapolis and finished 16th, and this year was a milestone season for the team.

Glenn has no recruiting secret, though.

"Half of this crew never even saw a boat or an oar before they got to Tennessee," she says.

It's like Tennessee signing a basketball player who couldn't dribble or a wide receiver that had never caught a pass. Flyers are routinely posted around campus in the fall, encouraging students to attend the team's first meeting and become

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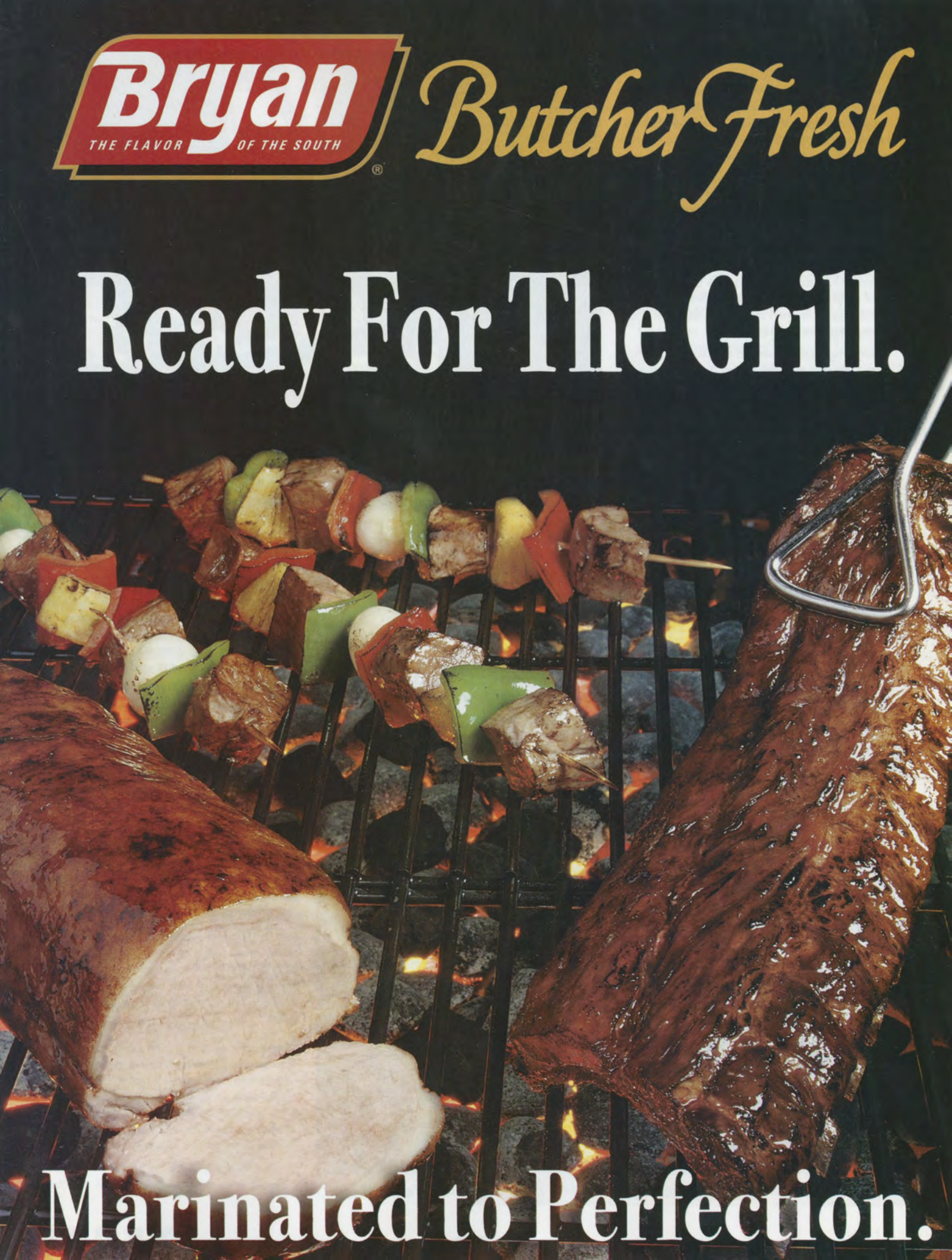

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walk-ons. Rowing is by far the largest women's team at Tennessee. A big portion of the rowing team, which is split between walk-ons and scholarship athletes, spends the first year learning the sport on the waters of the Tennessee River. They're on the novice team, getting acquainted with the oars before moving up to varsity.

Thirty-eight of this year's athletes were freshmen or sophomores. Nearly half of the 52-person roster is from Tennessee. But if the state is known for anything, it's not rowing. Tennessee's program has only been in existence for nine years. That hasn't stopped Glenn.

Against 136 teams this year, the Lady Vols beat 106 of them. Only the basketball, tennis and track and field teams finished better nationally (the soccer team also finished 10th).

Glenn received her second consecutive South Region Coach of the Year honor, and Tennessee got its second straight runner-up finish at this year's Lexus Central/South Region Sprints in Oak Ridge, a qualifier for the national meet. The performance moved the varsity eight up three spots to 10th in the national rankings and earned them an at-large berth in the national championships.

The Lady Vols arrived in Sacramento Tuesday, May 25, four days before the competition began and early enough for the team to adjust to the time change, the water, the course and their focus. "It was really quiet at first, but as the week went on, the intensity picked up," says Pemberton, who, along with Bargreen, was named All-America for the second year in a row.

Glenn says she wanted to get there early so the team could row the course a few times alone. "The first route is to take it all in and get familiar with the course," she says. "The second route is to take to the water as if it were your own. You have to do what you've prepared to do."

Senior Nicole Bold was a mainstay for the Varsity 8 in 2003-04, and along with coxswain and fellow senior Erin Artz, will leave some holes to be filled for the 2004-05 squad.

Consistency is quality in rowing, whether it's similar rowing motions, finishes or roles on the team. The Lady Vols played their consistency card by using the same varsity eight lineup they used at the Lexus Sprints – Artz (coxswain), Nicole Bold, Lauren Wells, Pemberton, Bargreen, Craig, Forbes, Sarah Hutcheson and Andrea Bagwell. But it could have easily changed.

"At no time during the year is a lineup a sure thing," Glenn says. "I'm constantly looking in practice on how I can adjust the lineup. I actually think we could have gone with a different lineup, but I liked how this lineup worked together."

The nine, however, that put the Lady Vols in rowing's top category had two seniors, Artz and Bold, who will leave voids to be filled.

"I've thought about it," Glenn says of next year's lineup possibilities. "I'm always thinking, even during the season, about the seniors and how juniors and sophomores can fill their shoes next year. When a door opens, it's an opportunity. They have to be ready to fill one, two or three holes when they come open. And we have those people."

Glenn has the people because she's helped them develop.

"The week in Sacramento was one of the best ever for Tennessee rowing," Glenn says. "I could not be more proud of them. I know it was an experience they will take with them in jobs and through the rest of their lives. And in this time, it has been an incredible gift they have given themselves." T

by Josh Pate

Tennessee Lady Vols rowing has grown into one of the nation's finest.

CRONAN HONORED AS ATHLETIC DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR FROM NACDA'S SOUTHEAST REGION

Becoming only the second woman so honored with this national award, UT Women's Athletics Director Joan Cronan has been named the 2004 National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) Athletic Director of the Year from the Southeast. Completing her 21st year guiding the Lady Vols, Cronan has led Tennessee to become one of the premier programs in the nation, combining incredible personnel, facilities and numerous top-10 teams. Tennessee's successes in both the athletic and academic realms speak volumes to her decision-making and leadership ability.

Cronan earned the award, sponsored by GeneralSports TURF Systems, by being chosen from a NACDA pool of nominees. She joined an amazing list of previous honorees, including Ron Wellman, Wake Forest (2003), Jeremy Foley, Florida (2002), Vince Dooley, Georgia (2001), Dave Hart Jr., Florida State (2000) and C.M. Newton, Kentucky (1999).

TCU's Eric Hyman claimed the Director of the Year accolade out of the West region, while Ohio State's Andy Geiger (Northeast) and Tulsa's Judy MacLeod (Central) were the other regional winners. As regional winners, Cronan and MacLeod became only the second and third women honored with the award behind Barbara Hedges of Washington, who blazed the trail in 2000 with the West laurel.

Accepting her award, Cronan said, "This award is a tremendous honor for both the University of Tennessee and me. To have been selected along with three other outstanding athletic directors is a highlight of my professional career. The support of the University of Tennessee administration, some of the nation's most outstanding coaches and student-athletes and a tremendous Lady Vols administrative staff has made this recognition possible."

Cronan's continued admiration by her peers and the community is well-deserved because of her efforts in facilitating the operation of a first-class program. She strives not only to keep UT one of the premier women's athletics departments in the nation, but also to improve women's athletics on a local, regional and national level.

Cronan joined UT from the College of Charleston in South Carolina, where she served as the athletics director for 10 years and was later inducted into that institution's hall of fame. Under Cronan, the school was selected as the No. 1 women's athletics program in the country in 1980 by the American Women's Sports Foundation.

Closer to home, Cronan is active on the boards of First Tennessee Bank, Baptist Hospital, Knoxville's Promise and the YMCA, and has served as vice chair of the Leadership Knoxville board. She also works closely with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Athletes in Action, having served as a board member for the local FCA chapter and as a national trustee. In 2003, Cronan was inducted into the FCA Hall of Champions. Additionally, she finds time to be a deacon at Central Baptist Church-Bearden.

In 1998, Cronan's work earned her accord from the Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame, as she was named its Administrator of the Year. Other honors include chairing the 1991 Knoxville area United Way Fund Drive, serving as president of the Executive Women's Association, receiving the 1994 Toastmaster's International Communication and Leadership Award and earning the 1994 AOPi Citizen of the Year Award.

On the national scene, Cronan has served on the NCAA's Executive Committee, Management Council, as well as the NCAA's Council, and is a member of the NCAA Championship Cabinet. She has also been a member of the Southeastern Conference Executive Committee.

As a former coach, Cronan served a two-year stint at Tennessee from 1968 to 1970. In 1969, she led the women's basketball team to an alternate berth in the first-ever National Invitational Collegiate Basketball Tournament. While at Charleston, she continued her success, not only as a basketball coach but in tennis as well. In 1981, she gave up coaching to devote her full-time attention to her duties as teacher and athletics director.

A graduate of LSU, Cronan earned her B.S. in 1966 and her M.S. in 1968, both in physical education. She was a fall 1995 inductee into LSU's Alumni Hall of Distinction. An avid tennis player, Cronan was ranked as high as second in the South in doubles and is a former state and Southern doubles champion.

During the 2003-04 competitive year, UT rose to unprecedented levels of success in collegiate athletics under Cronan's watch. The Big Orange claimed Southeastern Conference titles in basketball, cross country and soccer and won the SEC Eastern Division title in softball. A remarkable 10 of 11 sports sponsored by the department advanced to their respective NCAA events. Eight teams from Rocky Top - basketball (2nd), indoor track and field (4th), rowing (10th), soccer (11th), softball (16th), tennis (19th), golf (21st) and outdoor track and field (10th at the NCAA Championships) - completed their respective seasons rated among the nation's top 25.

THE NEW PEYTON MANNING SCHOLAR... MICHAEL AUSTEN CLAPP

To Michael Austen Clapp, an honors graduate of Ragsdale High School in Greensboro, North Carolina, goes the honor of being named the 2004 recipient of the Peyton Manning Scholarship. The scholarship has been awarded annually since 1998 to a first-year student participating in UT's Honors Program in honor of Manning, the former Vol signal-caller, co-captain and 1997 All-America selection.

Manning joined Dr. Thomas W. Broadhead, director of undergraduate academic advancement, in making the presentation June 24 in ceremonies at the Thornton Athletics Student Life Center. It all happened just in front of the Peyton Manning Study Area, another byproduct of the Manning years at Tennessee.

For Manning, it was the continuation of an eight-year tradition, coming to Knoxville and presenting the award personally. You wouldn't expect any less from Manning, who always seems to do things the right way... and with a flourish.

"Michael is No. 7 of the Peyton Manning scholar-athletes," Manning said. "I'm glad he's on board as a Volunteer.

"This is a great way for me to stay involved with the University of Tennessee. I like to keep up with each of the recipients, with what they're doing and the successes they have. I'm humbled at their accomplishments."

"Michael Clapp is the type of student who really stands out with extraordinary academic ability in all areas and the highest degree of success in challenging courses," Dr. Broadhead said, "We all look forward to Michael's future success as a student at UT."

It's really hard to believe Peyton Manning has been gone that long from Tennessee, but that's the inexorable passage of time. After he compiled such a solid resume here, Peyton Manning's legacy has lives on through each of these talented students receiving the award.

Joined by his mother, Barbara Clapp of Greensboro, for the presentation, Michael had a distinguished high school career at Ragsdale.

He was co-founder of the "Read to Succeed" program and played varsity soccer and tennis. He was a peer tutor and an Eagle Scout. He was a church youth group leader and won the scholar athlete award. He was an AP Scholar.

"I got the call at home about the scholarship from Tim Woods," Clapp said. "I had sat with Dr. Woods at a chancellor's dinner and he had a lot to say about how interested he was in having me at Tennessee. He told me the Peyton Manning Scholarship was very prestigious. I was overwhelmed.

"I'll be studying architecture and will be in the Honors program. I'm coming to UT Aug. 12."

Peyton Manning was a speech communication major at who was No. 1 in his 1997 graduating class. He is the career passing leader at Tennessee with 11,201 yards, a 62.5 completion percentage and 89 touchdown passes.

The Manning Scholarship is funded from gifts to the university garnered from Manning's academic awards, the UT athletic department's corporate matching grants program and other private gifts.

Manning's four-year career at UT (1994-97) produced a number of awards that generated $165,000 in scholarship funds. Among the awards were the Burger King-Vincent dePaul Draddy National Scholar Athlete of the Year, the Davey O'Brien Foundation Award and the American Honda Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

Peyton Manning with 2004 awardee Michael Austin Clapp in ceremonies at the Thornton Athletics Student Life Center in June.

Peyton Manning and Head Coach Phillip Football with Barbara and Michael Austin Clapp in front of the Peyton Manning Study Hall in the Thornton Athletics Student Life Center this past June.

The Manning Scholarship covers the costs of tuition, room and board. The award is granted to a first-year student on the basis of academic achievement, leadership and community service.

Previous winners of the Peyton Manning Scholarship are

BRADFORD ANDREW RUSSELL (2003)

Myers Park High School

Charlotte, N.C.:

This summer, Brad has been volunteering his time at a sailing camp at his local yacht club. He was the head instructor for the advanced racing fleet for kids 15 and under. He sailed for UT this year and was voted Team Captain for the second semester. They sailed to Key West for spring break. He is majoring in engineering.

"The year in school was an incredible learning experience," he said. " I believe i learned much more about myself and people in general than I did in the classroom. I was involved with Freshman Council and classes took up a lot of time, as I had a pretty heavy course load.

"This coming year, I'm looking forward to a lot of things," he said. " I hope to get involved in tutoring mentally handicapped kids and am currently pursuing some research opportunities in nanotechnology. College life has been more than I ever could have dreamed of. Coming to UT was one of the best decisions I've ever made."

RACHEL LAUREN MATTHEWS (2002)

Carter High School, Knoxville

Rachel is currently working as an Orientation Leader this summer. Last summer, she studied in England at Stratford-on-Avon.

"This spring, she said, I will be an alternative spring break leader for TEAM Vols."

A junior in September 2004, she has also helped on in campaigns for the Student Government Association. Rachel has also served as secretary of the Student Senate.

KIMBERLY ANNE CAMPBELL (2001)

Union City High School, Union City

Kim is studying abroad this summer in London and Stratford. While abroad, she will attend more than a dozen plays and do research about how written play reviews affect ticket sales for England's theatre scene.

"For the past year, I served as Academics Editor of the 2004 Volunteer Yearbook, she said. "I turned over my office as student chair of the Tennessee State Honors Conference in February and also completed a research paper this year entitled 'A Comparison of Marketing Strategies for Commodities and Branded Products.'"

She plans to expand on this paper in the upcoming year to use it for her senior honors Project. She will also serve this year as editor in chief of the Volunteer Yearbook.

HAMPTON ANDREW HOLCOMB, JR. (2000)

Evangelical Christian School, Memphis

He graduated in December, summa cum laude, with a B.A. in college scholars.

I am now a full-time musician," he said, " traveling and playing, having just come out with my first record. I am also writing a book."

He expressed gratitude for the scholarship. "It allowed for life changing experiences. I really owe Peyton a lot."

REBEKAH ANN CAPPS (1999)

Christ Presbyterian Academy, Nashville

Rebekah graduated the University of Tennessee Spring 2003 with a major in psychology. She has most recently returned from Australia on second trip there since 999. She worked at a Starbucks in Sydney while traveling.

She is now working at the Ensworth School in Nashville doing communications and events planning.

"Going abroad as part of the Peyton Scholarship was huge," she said. "The whole deal was a great experience. I'm forever grateful for the opportunity."

JAY STEPHEN BURNS (1998)

Greeneville High School, Bulls Gap

He graduated the University of Tennessee Spring 2002 as No. 1 graduate of the College of Arts and Sciences (4.0 GPA). He was also the No. 1 student in his high school graduating class at Greeneville.

While on campus, he was a Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Battalion Commander and a member of Scabbard and Blade.

He is now in his third year attending the University of Tennessee Law School. He will go on active duty after graduation.

"The Peyton scholarship provided a lot of opportunities I wouldn't have had othewise," Burns said. "It opened a lot of doors for me."

by Tom Mattingly

DIAMOND VOLS END SEASON IN KINSTON

Several Records Fall

The Diamond Vols have closed out another season, posting its 12th 30-win campaign in the last 14 years and making its eighth overall NCAA Tournament appearance - it's first since 2001.

"We have seen a steady improvement in each of the last three years and to get back to the SEC and NCAA tournaments was a nice reward for the hard work of this team," said baseball head coach Rod Delmonico. "They really battled each and every day in practice and it showed up on game day as the success carried over."

For the first time since 2001, the Vols advanced to both the SEC and NCAA Tournaments, finishing the season with a record of 38-24 and 14-16 in the SEC.

The Vols went into the SEC tournament as the No. 8 seed and went 1-2, finishing in a tie for fifth with Georgia. The Volunteers won the opener, 8-6 in 13 innings over the top seed Arkansas Razorbacks. UT then dropped its next two games to South Carolina, 5-1, and Arkansas, 4-1. It was Tennessee's first trip to the tournament since 2001 and it's second since 1997.

The No. 2 seed Tennessee Volunteers finished 1-2 at the NCAA Kinston Regional. UT dropped its first game 8-5 to UNC Wilmington before defeating Stony Brook 1-0. UNCW ended the Vols' second with a 4-3 comeback win in the second elimination game.

Luke Hochevar was named to the All-Tournament team after tossing an eight-hit shutout against Stony Brook

The Vols own a 26-17 mark in tournament play with three regional championships (1995, 2001, 2004) and one Super Regional title (2001). Head coach Rod Delmonico has guided the Vols to seven NCAA Tournaments, posting an 18-11 mark.

Along with making the SEC and NCAA tournaments, 15th year head coach Delmonico became the sixth winningest coach in SEC history with victory No. 558 over Tennessee Tech March 3. He owns a career mark of 588-326 (.643).

"Moving up on the all-time wins list just means you've been around a while. I've been lucky enough to be coaching at Tennessee for 15 years now and have a lot great memories," said Delmonico. Reaching 600 wins would be a nice milestone, but the credit really goes to the players who are the ones who got the job none."

Five Volunteers were taken the 2004 Major League Baseball free agent amateur draft. The Oakland Athletics grabbed a pair of Vol pitchers as Derek Tharpe went in the sixth round followed by Scot Drucker in the 13th. Outfielder Eli Iorg went in the 14th round to the Chicago Cubs, while

the final duo, pitcher Patrick Hicklen and shortstop Brian Cleveland were picked in the 16th round by the Kansas City Royals and Florida Marlins, respectively.

Among the honors bestowed upon the Diamond Vols this season were:

* Tennessee ranked 13th nationally with a 3.51 ERA, led by Derek Tharpe's 2.01 which was 12th. * Tennessee went 27-9 at home, tying the 1993 and 2000 clubs for the second-most victories at Lindsey Nelson Stadium. The record is 35 set in 1995. * During the regular season, Tennessee set a school-record with 22 straight home games dating back to last season as it won its first 16 to start the season. It shattered the previous mark of 15 set between the 1996-97 seasons. * Designated hitter Alex Suarez was the lone Vol named All-SEC as he garnered second team honors. * Eli Iorg was named to the SEC All-Tournament team, while Luke Hochevar was placed on the NCAA Kinston Regional All-Tournament squad. * Michael Rivera was the only Vol to garner SEC Player of the Week honors, receiving the accolade March 15.

The Diamond Vols tied and set a few offensive records this season. Here's a look:

* Tennessee set a school record for doubles with 154, bettering the previous mark of 152 set in 1998. * Scot Drucker set the record for most pitching appearances with 32, breaking Todd Helton's mark of 30 in 1995. * Against Morehead State, the Vols set the record for most runs in a series with 54, while also setting the single-game victory margin at 28 in the 29-1 series finale win. UT was also hit-by-pitch five times in one game, tying a school mark. It also tied the school record for sac flies with three. * Eric King tied the school record for runs in a game against the Eagles with five, while both Brian Cleveland and Nick Crowe matched the school standard for sac flies in a game with two. * UT broke the school record for doubles in a game with 10 against ETSU 3/23, betting the old mark of nine set at Mississippi State in 1998. Josh Alley tied the record for doubles in a game with three vs. EMU G2 2/28. * The Vols tied a school record for sacrifice bunts in a game with four against Ole Miss 4/17. * UT played the fastest nine-inning game in school history at South Carolina 5/16 in 1 hour 42 minutes.

"I was very pleased with the success of the pitching staff and the job of Fred Corral our pitching coach. We finished in the top 15 in earned run average while striking out nearly 500 batters. Those guys battled through injuries and really stepped up each and every game. Not having our entire staff healthy for the entire season hindered us a little, but we had guys like Craig Cobb and Scot Drucker really step up their games," said Delmonico.

The Vols lead the SEC with the fewest strikeouts (306). In 25 of the 62 games, they were even or plus in walks vs. strikeouts.

* The staff posted the fourth highest strikeout total in school history with 493, while pitching the fifth-most innings at 556.0. They also had the fourth-highest total in wild pitches with 51 and tied for the second-most balks with 11. * The staff averaged 7.98 strikeouts per nine innings while posting a 2.2 strikeout-to-walk ratio. * Scot Drucker set a UT record with 32 pitching appearances, breaking Todd Helton's mark of 30 in 1995. * The Vols posted at least 10 strikeouts 15 times, with a season-high 16 against Kentucky 4/2 and Tennessee Tech 4/21. Twice they struck out 15 (Auburn 3/27 and Carson-Newman 4/14). * The pitching staff gave up three or less earned runs 36 times, while allowing more than four earned runs in a game just 17 times. * UT's starting pitchers were a 26-15 with a 3.40 ERA while averaging nearly six innings per outing. * The relievers were 12-9 with a 3.69 ERA and nine saves in 13 opportunities.

Along with their accomplishments on the field, five Diamond Vols earned degrees this spring - Dusty Johnson, Patrick Hicklen, Derek Tharpe, Ben Riley and Brett Chappell. A Tennessee-record 13 baseball student-athletes were named to the 2004 Southeastern Conference Academic Honor this spring. The academic honor roll is based on grades from the 2003 Summer, 2003 Fall and 2004 Spring terms.

"The academic success our student-athletes had was exceptional. To place nearly half of our team on the SEC Academic Honor Roll is a real testament as to how hard they worked in the classroom," said Delmonico.

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

FORMER VOLS SPEND TIME HELPING YOUTH HONE THEIR SKILLS

What does it take to get to the next level?

Former Vols defensive back Steve Johnson knows, and so do a handful his 1998 national champion teammates. That's why they plan to share it with Tennessee's youth.

Johnson will host the inaugural Next Level Football Camp July 8-9 at Nashville's Brentwood Academy for boys entering sixth- through 12th-grade that have aspirations of taking their game to the collegiate level. Joining him will be an all-star list of performers from Tennessee's perfect season with Tee Martin, Travis Stephens, Darwin Walker, Jeff Hall and Eric Westmoreland serving as camp instructors. Former Vols from other eras that will also be instructing include Bubba Miller, Joey Kent, Ben Talley and Cory Gaines.

"I've had great response from my former teammates," says Johnson, who played at Tennessee from 1994-98 and was the starting cornerback on the Vols' 1998 national championship team that went 13-0. "Everyone that I've asked has agreed and is looking forward to preparing kids for the next level, which is college."

Steve Johnson leads the way for the Next Level Football Camp.

The camp, Johnson says, is designed to be position specific, allowing each camper to improve skill and technique. Individuals will participate in college and NFL combine drills like the 40-yard dash, "L" drill, broad jump and short shuttle. The drills and lessons will be put to use in game-like situations during the camp. For many, it will be the first time they'll get a taste of what's expected at the collegiate level and beyond.

"Campers will learn techniques to help them sharpen their skills," Johnson says. "Camp participants should come ready to drastically improve their skill level and eager to accept coaching from premier athletes.

"The typical quote for a college athlete is, 'If I would've known then what I know now, then I would've been a much better high school player.' Well, we're trying to help athletes eliminate that quote by teaching them before they get to college."

Camp instructors will also spend time working with the athletes on being able to balance school, family and football for a positive outcome, Johnson says. Additionally, there will be special guest speakers. But Johnson says he's keeping quiet about who may be there.

"That's my secret weapon," he says.

In the growing age of football camps, the Next Level Football Camp creates a unique option for youth to learn from former Tennessee players they have watched growing up. Many of the instructors have been national champions, and some have played or are still playing in the NFL.

"It's something that has not been done before," Johnson says. "There wasn't a camp available when I was young, especially one where I could learn from someone who's already attained the goals that I had set for myself.5

The camp will be an annual event with stops in Knoxville and Memphis next summer.

by Josh Pate

Fellow Lettermen,

I would like to personally thank Keith McCord (Baseball 1953) for allowing our membership to spend an afternoon at his home. On Saturday June 12, Keith invited the entire Lettermen's Club to his Blount Co. farm for swimming, horseshoes, volleyball, fishing and some great food. If you missed it, you had better make plans to attend next summer. It is a great time for the entire family.

All former Tennessee football players will have their reunion Sunday September 5 as the Vols open up the 2004 season against UNLV. Each football player will receive a game jersey, participate in the Vol Walk and be introduced at halftime. Visit the web site at www.utsports.com and click on the Lettermen's Club icon for further details and a registration form.

The Lettermen's Club Fall Weekend is scheduled for Nov. 5 and 6 vs. Notre Dame. Mark your calendars now and details will be sent later.

If you have questions or comments about The University of Tennessee Lettermen's Club, you can email me by going to our web site. Have a great summer.

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It's the creation of Dr. Lynn Champion, who has coordinated the weekly game day programs since the inception of the Showcase in 1989. Champion is director of the Office of Academic Outreach and a member of the Dean's staff in the College of Arts and Sciences.

"Two goals of my office are to provide opportunities for public education in the arts and sciences and to acquaint the public with the College of Arts and Sciences faculty and their scholarship," Dr. Champion, said. "The Pre-Game Showcase lecture series gives us the opportunity to accomplish both by educating public audiences and 'showcasing' our talented faculty.

"When we first began sponsoring Pre-Game Faculty Showcase, attendance was fairly low, but interest has grown over the years such that we have a good crowd each week. Even on the Saturday after Thanksgiving when attendance at the football game is lower than the rest of the season, attendance is in the 70-100 range."

Held two hours before each home football game in the University Center, the Faculty Showcase features 30-minute presentations by outstanding faculty from the college. The presentations are free and open to the public, and complimentary refreshments are provided.

"Football games attract a larger and more diverse audience to campus than any other single activity and we welcome everyone to the Pre-Game Faculty Showcase," Dr. Champion said. "We especially welcome alumni and other friends of the university and the college and invite them to take advantage of this convenient opportunity to find out more about the outstanding academic activities and accomplishments of our faculty.

"Alumni, in particular, seem to enjoy coming back to hear faculty speakers and, perhaps, to learn what is going on in the department and college where they studied as students."

Following is the schedule for this year's series.

UNLV GAME, SEPT. 5

Dr. David Northington, professor of music, and Dr. Wesley Baldwin, assistant professor of music, will kick off the Showcase Sept. 5, 2004, in the University Center Ballroom with a musical performance entitled "Calling the Plays on the Musical Gridiron: A Piano and Cello Duo."

Please note that the UNLV game has a Sunday, 8 p.m. (EDT) kickoff, with the Showcase starting at 6 p.m.

Pianist Dr. Northington earned his D.M.A. from Yale University. The New York Times has called him "...an immensely gifted musician... who combines the technical mastery of a virtuoso with the musical sensitivity of a poet."

Dr. David Northington, professor of music, and Dr. Wesley Baldwin

Cellist Dr. Baldwin earned his D.M.A. from the University of Maryland. The Washington Post describes Baldwin's playing as "... almost orchestrally rich in sound; bold, but well-controlled in phrasing and dynamics."

"I expect standing room only in the University Center Ballroom for the opening program. This is the first time Pre-Game Showcase has featured a faculty duo for one of its programs. Both Baldwin and Northington are exceptionally talented faculty and the attendees will have a real treat when they hear these two musicians."

FLORIDA GAME, SEPT. 18

On Sept. 18, before the Vols square off in the always-critical game against Florida, the showcase moves to the Shiloh Room (Room 235) in the University Center where it will be held for the rest of the season. It will begin at 6 p.m., two hours before the 8 p.m. (EDT) kickoff

Dr. Lynne Parker is the featured speaker for this week and will talk about "Smart Machines: Robots That Integrate Perception, Reasoning and Action to Perform Cooperative Tasks."

Dr. Lynne Parker, associate professor and director of the Distributed Intelligence Laboratory in the department of computer science.

Parker earned a doctorate from MIT and serves as associate professor and director of the Distributed Intelligence Laboratory in the department of computer science. Parker's research interests include distributed mobile robotics, artificial intelligence, sensor networks, embedded systems, and multi-agent systems.

"Dr. Parker will provide audiences with insights into an exciting research field, distributed intelligence and robotics. She will bring along some of her robots to demonstrate her talk about 'Smart Machines.'"

Dr. Robert Bast, associate professor of history and director of the MARCO Institute for Medieval and Renaissance Studies

LOUISIANA TECH GAME, SEPT. 25 (HOMECOMING)

Before the Homecoming game Sept. 25 against Louisiana Tech, Dr. Robert Bast, associate professor of history and director of the MARCO Institute for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, will talk on "The DaVinci Code: Fact or Fiction."

Bast is a specialist in Early Modern European history with an emphasis on Late Medieval and Reformation Germany. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Arizona's Division for Late Medieval and Reformation Studies. Bast has received grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Fulbright Foundation. He is a past recipient of the UT National Alumni Association Outstanding Teacher Award.

Kickoff for the La. Tech game is set for 7 p.m. (EDT). The Showcase will begin at 5 p.m.

"Dr. Bast will discuss The DaVinci Code, a bestseller that has been in the news. Dr. Bast is a popular teacher whose classes on campus always fill quickly."

AUBURN GAME, OCT. 2

On Oct. 2, before the Vols' game against Auburn, Dr. Anthony Nownes, associate professor of political science, will deliver a timely lecture entitled "Campaign 2004: The Race for the White House – Last Lap to the Finish Line."

Nownes, whose specialties include American politics and public policy, earned a Ph.D. from the University of Kansas. He has twice been named Pi Sigma Alpha Professor of the Year.

Dr. Anthony Nownes, associate professor of political science

"Given the election just weeks away, Dr. Nownes will undoubtedly be an animated and provocative speaker, who will discuss the presidential election campaign."

Dr. Lorri Glover, associate professor of history

ALABAMA GAME, OCT. 23

Before the Vols battle the Alabama Crimson Tide October 23, Dr. Lorri Glover, associate professor of history, will talk about "2 July 1776: The Most Important Day in American History."

Glover specializes in American colonial and early national history. She earned a doctorate from the University of Kentucky. Glover is the recipient of several awards including the Angie Warren Perkins Award in 2002 and the David and Kathryn White Teaching Award in 2001.

"Her talk, '2 July 1776: The Most Important Day in American History,' is a popular topic with audiences and has made Glover known for her spell-binding talks which make history come to life."

NOTRE DAME GAME, NOV. 6

On Nov.6, before the Notre Dame game, fans will hear Dr. Michael Lofaro, professor of English, talk about "The Literary Genius of Knoxville's James Agee: From A Death in the Family to The African Queen."

A Knoxvillian, James Agee grew up just across Cumberland Avenue in Fort Sanders where he has a plaque commemorating his life at the corner of Cumberland and James Agee (formerly 15th Street).

Dr. Michael Lofaro, professor of English

A specialist in American Literature and American Folklore, Lofaro's scholarship includes writings on Daniel Boone and Davy Crockett. He earned the Ph.D. from the University of Maryland and is a past recipient of the Governor's Award for Literary Achievement and a Senior Fulbright Lecturing-Research Award-winner.

"Dr. Lofaro specializes in regional literature and is chair of the planning committee for the James Agee Conference and Celebration to be held in Knoxville in the spring of 2005. Audiences will be surprised to learn of the breadth of Agee's talent and the magnitude of his influence."

NOV. 27 GAME, KENTUCKY

The final Pre-Game Faculty Showcase will take place Nov. 27 before the Kentucky game with Dr. Barry Bruce, associate professor in the department of Biochemistry, Cellular and Molecular Biology, speaking about "Genetically Modified Organisms and the Bio-Technology of Agriculture: America's Cornucopia or Environmentally Threatening 'Franken-foods?'"

Dr. Barry Bruce, associate professor in the department of Biochemistry

Bruce studies the import of proteins into chloroplasts as well as molecular chaperones. He earned a Ph.D. in Molecular Plant Biology from the University of California, Berkeley. Bruce is a contributing member of the Arts and Sciences Faculty Speakers Bureau and is active in the American Society of Plant Physiologists.

"Bruce's talk "Genetically Modified Organisms and the Bio-technology of Agriculture" will address many of the questions the audience has about our food supply."

"In addition to alumni and friends of the college and university, UT faculty and students attend. Students seem to enjoy meeting and interacting with faculty in a setting other than the classroom," Dr. Champion said. "Faculty enjoy hearing colleagues from other departments speak about their work. Occasionally, members of the state legislature attend. On at least one occasion, Congressman Jim Duncan has attended a Pre-Game Showcase."

The Pre-Game Faculty Showcase program is sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences with support from the UT National Alumni Association and the UT Men's Athletics Program.

For more information, call (865) 974-4676 or visit the College's web site at: http://www.artsci.utk.edu/outreach.

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-- DR. LYNN CHAMPION

TODD DIACON TAKES OVER AS FACULTY REP

"When we get in trouble, it's my fault."

That was Dr. Todd Diacon's response when his brother asked what the faculty athletic representative at the University of Tennessee did.

That's not the whole story, by any means, but Tennessee's new faculty rep does have a clear handle on what his job entails.

"The main job of the faculty rep is to certify that all student-athletes are academically eligible to compete. I don't find out all that myself. The registrars and the Thornton Center staff help determine that. They meet with me and we certify these students are eligible."

Dr. Diacon (pronounced "Die-ken") is the head of the history department at UT and took over for Dr. Anne Mayhew, faculty rep for the past four years, this spring.

"The faculty athletic representatives from the SEC schools meet three times a year. In those meetings, we typically discuss issues raised by any one of the representatives," he said. "This year, we talked about sportsmanship. We always talk about proposed SEC legislation. In our spring meeting at Destin, we voted in favor of a rule that says no SEC institution can schedule competition during final exam period. We also discuss pending NCAA legislation."

In addition, there's the interface with student-athletes, which is a high priority.

"The faculty rep is always available to talk with student-athletes who have concerns, questions or issues, either on an ad hoc basis or meeting with the SAAC (Student-Athlete Advisory Committee)."

It all began when Diacon was elected to the Faculty Senate and was appointed to the Senate's Athletic Committee five years ago.

"After being on that committee for three years, I chaired it last year," he said. "Two years after being on that committee, Anne Mayhew invited me to join the Athletic Board. After Anne was wanting to concentrate on her duties as vice-chancellor for academic affairs, I was someone who had been in this realm for four or five years, and she thought it was time to turn it over to someone else. I was asked to do it, appointed by the president."

How have his peers on the academic side reacted to one of their own being in such an influential position, given the inevitable tension between academics and athletics?

"You really get to two reactions to having this position," he said.

"One is that I've sold out to big-time athletics. There is a group of faculty members who really resent the importance placed on athletics. Some of that is OK, but a lot of it is a misunderstanding."

He explained that statement by saying, "There are many faculty members who think that if we didn't have a big-time athletic department, all of our ills would be solved."

Not true, he says.

Dr. Todd Diacon

"My argument is that all of those ills, underfunding, for example, would still be here whether we had a big-time athletic department or not. Others realize that college athletics is a part of the university experience and is not going to go away. The best way to deal with it is to get people from the academic side who are really committed to doing things right. I think my peers see me as someone who will do that. They certainly see Anne Mayhew as some one who did that for four years as faculty athletic representative."

Diacon remembers a trip to Cuba with the Vols baseball team as his introduction to Tennessee athletics up close and personal.

"It was the first time I was around student-athletes at Tennessee for an extended period," he said. "I got to talk at some length with the baseball players. That was a good experience for me."

Diacon remembered how quick the Vol baseballers were to ask questions about their surroundings.

"They were an inquisitive bunch of students who were interested to be there. They were fascinated. It was fun for me because my specialty is Latin American History, and I teach a course on the Cuban Revolution," he said.

Here came his chance to put theory into practice.

"As we would be driving in the bus across Havana, eating in a restaurant, or finishing a game, they would invariably have questions.

"Why do the Cubans do this?"

"Why are the signs painted like this?"

"What do these signs mean?"

"They'd ask me those questions and we would have these interesting conversations about Cuba and Cuban history."

"THE STATE OF ATHLETICS AND ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE MIRRORS A NATIONAL CONTEXT. THERE'S A REAL BIG CHANGE COMING VERY SOON. THE NCAA HAS IMPLEMENTED MUCH STRICTER ACADEMIC PROGRESS LEGISLATION SO THAT STARTING NOW YOU HAVE TO HAVE FINISHED FAR MORE OF YOUR MAJOR TO REMAIN ELIGIBLE, DRAMATICALLY MORE OF YOUR MAJOR HAS TO BE COMPLETED AT THE END OF EACH YEAR THAN IN THE PAST. THAT'S GOING TO MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE."

"Based on the experience in Cuba and what I've done since then, I have concluded we have some really fine student-athletes. They are some very impressive people, not just in terms of athletic ability, not just in terms of their ability as scholars, but just as individuals. I'm always impressed by how dedicated many of these student-athletes are. They have to do a lot of work and have to be well-organized to succeed as athletes and students."

He remembered a Lady Vols swimmer named Sara Wingfield.

"She might be the best student I've taught here," he said. "She was our Rhodes Scholar nominee a year or so ago. She's an example of someone who's a very good athlete. She's a swimmer. I taught a 3-hour night course one night a week. She would come after a three-hour swimming practice, make it through and ended up getting the highest grade. That's when I realized there were very interesting and dedicated student-athletes."

With that said, he went on to say that athletic programs nationwide are facing a number of significant challenges.

"The state of athletics and academic performance mirrors a national context," he said. "There's a real big change coming very soon. The NCAA has implemented much stricter academic progress legislation so that starting now you have to have finished far more of your major to remain eligible, dramatically more of your major has to be completed at the end of each year than in the past. That's going to make big difference.

"One challenge is the GPA requirements. Starting in December 2005, if student-athletes are not academically eligible, you will not be able to award that scholarship for a year. The penalties get progressively greater as we move on in the next two or three years. We're going to have to work hard to meet those changes. We're well positioned to do that because we've had athletic directors who have been committed to that and we have a really good staff at the Thornton Center."

There's great deal of unrest and uncertainty among athletic officials, he said, but "I think we're well positioned to meet those challenges."

One way is his work with Vol coaches. "I've not met with most of them," he said. "My impression is that the coaches want to do the right thing. They want their student-athletes to succeed academically, but at the same time, they're under a lot of pressure to win games.

"I understand that. Here's the simple reality. With the new progression and GPA requirements, if those student-athletes don't perform in the classroom, they're not going to be around to perform on the field of competition. I think that has sunk in at different levels among coaches.

"I don't see anything that leads me to believe they're not doing the right thing, but I think different coaches have different levels of understanding how much things are going to change with this new NCAA legislation. It's just now dawning on them. It's a national problem, reflecting a national trend.

"We're probably right where everyone else is, understanding fairly well what's going to be required. We're still very nervous about how it's going to impact our individual athletic teams.

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"There's a final level of uncertainty because the NCAA hasn't established what people are calling their cutlines, the line of performance above which your team does not receive a penalty and below which it does. There's an academic success rate. That level has yet to be determined by the NCAA. Teams that perform above that level will not be affected, but teams below that level are going to have scholarship reductions eventually and will eventually not be able to reassign scholarships. We don't know what the cut level is yet.

"That's the cause of a lot of uncertainty. We don't know yet what the level is. We had a rep from the NCAA speak at the SEC spring meeting. He said they're thinking about various levels and one level they're thinking about right now would have 80 percent of the NCAA Division I basketball teams would not make that cut."

There's some good news, he said. "I don't know if we're ahead of the curve, but I don't think we're behind it. The Thornton Center people understand as well as anyone. Our compliance officers understand as well as anyone in the country what's happening and what we need to do."

It remained for his predecessor, Dr. Mayhew, to put his appointment into perspective.

"As is appropriate in a university that aspires to both academic and athletic excellence, Todd Diacon is a faculty member who sets high standards for all students and the faculty who teach them," Dr. Mayhew said. "He also understands the extraordinary pressures under which student-athletes study and compete.

"I am confident that he will serve the entire university well, both on campus as he mediates the sometimes conflicting demands we place upon our student-athletes, and in the larger public arena of the SEC and the NCAA where there is continuing and often intense debate about the relationship of athletics and academics in our universities."

So Todd Diacon steps into the breach to be the faculty athletics representative for the University of Tennessee. The Athletics Board appears to be in good hands as tremendous challenges come down the pike.

by Tom Mattingly

VASF Fund Drive Workers Recognized for Their Accomplishments

The VASF Fund Drive recently completed a very successful 2004 Fund Drive. Fund Drive volunteers directly contributed in raising approximately $268,000 in new money and nearly $3.1 million towards the VASF's overall goal. They also played an instrumental role in recruiting over 900 new VASF members.

Gary Rowcliffe of Knoxville was named the 2004 VASF Fund Drive Worker of the Year after raising over $27,000 in new money for the VASF. For his work, Rowcliffe earned a trip for two to the Vols' Bowl Game following the 2004 season.

Terry Higgins of Kingsport won top honors as the 2004 VASF Fund Drive Rookie of the Year. Higgins led all new Fund Drive volunteers with over $8,000 in new money and will receive lunch for two and two passes to a closed football practice.

Other prizes given away at the annual Fund Drive Awards Reception include gift certificates to Tennessee Traditions gift store, tickets and lodging to the 2005 SEC Basketball Tournament, and the most popular prize, an opportunity to run through the "T" with the Vols on VASF Day.

For their work, Fund Drive volunteers receive 1 point towards their VASF ranking for every $1,000 of new money contributed to the VASF.

If you are interested in learning more about how to become a Fund Drive worker, please contact Jennifer Wiggins in the VASF office at (865) 974-1218 or by email at wigginsj@utk.edu.

NOTE: Single game football tickets for UNLV, Louisiana Tech and Kentucky will go on sale at utsports.com on Thursday, July 1. All other single game tickets, with the exception of Notre Dame and Florida, will be available online and at Thompson-Boling Arena Saturday, July 31. To purchase Notre Dame and Florida tickets, fans can purchase a mini-season ticket package. The five game mini-season package is available to VASF donors at a $250 contribution level and allows donors to purchase two tickets to UNLV, Florida, Louisiana Tech, Notre Dame and Kentucky. The four game package is available to VASF donors at a $100 contribution level and allows donors to purchase two tickets to UNLV, Louisiana Tech, Notre Dame and Kentucky.

Gary Rowcliff (left) was named Fund Drive Worker of the Year; (top) while the first place overall team of Pete and Carole Kutz, Darlene and Larry Eley, and Ann and Billy Dwight Smith; and Sandra and Ron Grubbs, shown here with David Blackburn, provided t-shirts for all the fund drive workers in attendance through their company, Diversified Distributors.

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ADVANCE AUTO PARTS AND TENNESSEE ATHLETICS

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"Our Advance Auto Parts Promise is with low prices on quality parts, our dedicated people will serve you better," says John Vaughn, director of marketing said.

That is just part of Taubman's four-point philosophy which also includes:

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During the 1970's, the company modernized the name of its stores to Advance Auto. The newly renamed chain of stores eliminated home appliances and several other products and concentrated increasingly on its core automotive parts business.

The 1980's began a rapid, yet carefully planned, expansion. As part of this expansion, Advance Auto began to sharpen its marketing focus on automotive hard parts for "do-it-yourselfers." In order to meet the needs of these customers, the Company introduced its new PDQ, Parts Delivered Quickly, system in 1982. This innovative service allowed customers access to more than 25,000 automotive components (in excess of 250,000 today), within a 24-hour period.

In 1985, to emphasize the PDQ system and the Company's dedication to automotive hard parts, Advance Auto's name evolved into Advance Auto Parts.

In the 1990's, the company continued its rapid growth, opening stores in several new states and constructing new distribution centers. At the close of 1993, Advance Auto parts had more than doubled in size since it first began its expansion plan, with a year-end total of 352 stores.

In March 1994, Advance Auto Parts founder Arthur Taubman passed away, leaving behind a legacy in a company that had established a presence in eight states and employed more than 5,000 people. Since early 1994, Advance Auto Parts has continued its rapid growth across the eastern United States, spreading into 39 states, and more than quadrupling its total number of stores. 1998 was a year of both change and growth for Advance Auto Parts. First, in April, the Taubman family sold a majority interest in the company to the investment firm of Freeman Spogli. Then, in August, Advance Auto Parts announced that the Western Auto Supply Company/Parts America, would merge with Advance. Western Auto/Parts America, which traces its roots back to 1909, came to the new partnership with an impressive history in its own right. The two companies shared almost a century of experience in the automotive industry, and their combined power continues to drive the Advance Auto Parts team to even further success.

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Four years ago the University of Tennessee ventured into the market of big-screen replays, which brought a new level of excitement to Neyland Stadium, and right there to support the Vols was Advance Auto Parts.

Together with Bill Hodge of Action Sports Media, Advance began to open the doors to the collegiate market in Tennessee.

With more than 2500 stores in 38 states, Puerto Rico, and the US Virgin Islands,

Advance now has interests in six colleges, three NFL franchises, two NHL teams, as well as 22 minor league baseball teams and 12 minor league hockey teams. They are also working with Nextel who now lead title sponsor for NASCAR and the IHRA professional drag racing.

"We have continued to refine the package over the years to ensure the sponsorship continues to help us meet our sports marketing objectives," said Vaughn.

With that refinement has also come sponsorship on the big screens in Thompson-Boling Arena, which has also added to the atmosphere in the arena.

It is a partnership that has worked for all of the parties involved.

"They have been involved with the Vol Network since 1997, and have made a long-term commitment with us," said Steve Early, general manager for the Vol Network. "They are a valued corporate partner, who have a presence in various capacities surrounding Tennessee athletics. The footprint of our network has been a good fit for Advance Auto Parts and their stores around the state. We have enjoyed their presence on the air and in participating in some of our unique events. We look forward to continuing our business relationship with Advance Auto Parts."

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Thornton Athletics Student Life Center

2004 Spring Academic Honor Rolls

The Southeastern Conference named 36 Lady Volunteers and 33 Volunteers to the 2004 SEC Spring Academic Honor Roll recently released by Commissioner Mike Slive. For the women, track and field paced UT by boasting 13 student-athletes so honored, while rowing earned 11 berths. Tennis garnered five spots, while golf and softball each took four spots. Overall, a total of 791 student-athletes were named to the honor roll.

The 2004 SEC Spring Academic Honor Roll is based on grades from the 2003 summer, 2003 fall and 2004 spring terms.

University of Tennessee Lady Vols 2004 SEC Spring Academic Honor Roll Members:

Marissa Allen, microbiology; Jessica Andrews, exercise science; Erin Artz, psychology; Teesha Ash, business management; Andrea Bagwell, microbiology; Kaitlin Bargreen, child development; Nicole Bold, political science; Megan Cauble, arts and science, undecided; Caitlyn Cleary, English; Erin Cohn, broadcasting; McKenzie Craig, child development; Kristi Durant, broadcasting; Katie Flaute, exercise science; Dana Forbes, sport management; Felicia Guiliford, nursing; Stephanie Humphrey, microbiology; Lindsay Hyatt, graduate-sport management; Golda Johansson, speech communication; Breanna Kray, sport management; Lindsey McFarland, management; Carly Matthews, art; Lauren Mattox, spanish literature; Amy McCormick, English; Amy McIntosh, logistics & transportation; Melinda Morrow, history; Jamie Rebella, recreation and tourism management; Violeta Retamoza, finance; Jessica Reust, aerospace engineering; Amber Rhinehart, exercise science; Ashley Robards, english; Jessica Shepley, public relations; Jessica Southers, ecology and evolutionary biology; Caitin Ward, arts and sciences undecided; Lauren Wells, history; Catherine Wright, social work; and Rachel Zamata, political science.

On the men's side, track and field also paced UT by boasting 14 student-athletes so honored, while baseball earned 13 berths. Golf earned five spots, while tennis received one spot.

Tennessee placed 14 track and field/cross country athletes on the 2004 Southeastern Conference Academic Honor Roll, the squad's best total since 2001 and third-best ever. Six of those Vols qualified for the NCAA Mideast Regional and/or the NCAA championships.

Only Florida's 16 honorees and LSU's 15 bettered the Vols' total. Tennessee leads the conference with 115 selections to the SEC Academic Honor Roll in the Bill Webb era (1996-present).

On the baseball side, two-time honorees Patrick Hicklen and Dusty Johnson were part of a Tennessee-record 13 baseball student-athletes who were named to the 2004 Southeastern Conference Academic Honor this spring. The academic honor roll is based on grades from the 2003 summer, 2003 fall and 2004 spring terms.

"I'm really proud of the way our student-athletes worked in the classroom this past year," said head coach Rod Delmonico, who has seen 56 Volunteers earn a spot on the SEC honor roll during his tenure. "We want them to be the best they can both on and off the field. To have nearly half our roster make the honor roll is a tribute to both the students and the academic advisors at the Thornton Center. They really pushed our guys to excel in the classroom, and it paid off."

Hicklen and Johnson were two of five baseball Vols who also graduated this spring. Hicklen earned a degree in sport management, and Johnson earned his degree in finance. The others were Derek Tharpe (speech communication), Ben Riley (sport management) and Brett Chappell (sociology).

Five members of the Tennessee men's golf team were among the 69 Volunteers student-athletes named to the 2004 Southeastern Conference Spring Academic Honor Roll. The Vols' club-toting quintet of honorees included John Brannen, Clint Cromwell, John Scott Rattan, Chris Robinson and Brandon Skeen.

Brannen, a redshirt freshman from Clarksville, is majoring in biochemistry and cellular and molecular biology. He tied for 50th this past season when the Vols played host to the Coca-Cola Tournament of Champions at Holston Hills Country Club. Cromwell is a sophomore who hails from Savannah and majors in psychology. He participated in the 2004 Coca-Cola Tournament of Champions, finishing tied for 35th.

The 2004 season was a breakout year for Rattan, a junior from Montgomery Village, Md. The psychology major finished in the top 25 in eight of the 12 events in which he competed. He also turned in his highest finish as a Vol, carding a 69-71-71--211 at the Landfall Tradition in Wilmington, N.C.

Robinson, a sophomore from Memphis, majors in classical civilization. His only appearance of 2004 came at the Coca-Cola Tournament of Champions, where he finished tied for 67th.

The fifth and final Vols honoree is accounting major Skeen, a junior from Jefferson City. In 2004, he played in the Coca-Cola Tournament of Champions, the Bank of Tennessee/Ridges Intercollegiate and the Landfall Tradition, finishing fifth, tied for 60th and tied for 58th, respectively.

Wade Orr, a senior on the Tennessee men's tennis team, represented the Vols netters on the 2004 Southeastern Conference Spring Academic Honor Roll. The Clarksville native has now received the honor in three consecutive seasons.

An industrial engineering major, Orr wrapped up his Big Orange career at last month's NCAA Division I Men's Tennis Championships. While the Vols failed to reach the championship round of 16, Orr finished his career boasting the rare distinction of having been a part of three NCAA semifinalist teams in past years (2000-02).

This past season, Orr posted a 12-7 singles record and finished with a national ITA singles ranking of No. 117. In doubles, he tied for the team lead with 20 victories. His final career numbers stand at 62-57 (.521) in singles and 50-28 (.641) in doubles.

Past academic honors for Orr include being named to the 2003 CoSIDA Academic All-District IV at-large team and earning edamerica Scholar Athlete of the Month honors this past January. Orr plans on attending law school or entering the engineering graduate program at UT.

University of Tennessee Volunteers 2004 SEC Spring Academic Honor Roll Members:

The following Volunteers helped Tennessee track and field team increase its conference lead: Frank Francois, management; Brett Frykberg, biochemistry and cellular and molecular biology; Nate Jansen, chemical engineering; Sean Lambert, chemistry; Matthew Lapp, exercise science; Jay Mandato, graduate school sport management; Brian Mills, speech communication; Chandler Rice, sport management; Blake Sabo, graduate school sport management; Leigh Smith, wildlife/fisheries science; Craig Sutherland, finance; Jeff Trembley, psychology; Kevin Yeager, marketing and Mike Yurcho, sport management.

The other baseball honor roll members were Joey Andrews, marketing; Trey Bridges, sport management; Brian Cleveland, sport management; Nick Crowe, accounting; Scot Drucker, sport management; Rob Fitzgerald, biochemistry; Luke Hochevar sport management; Todd Martin, management; Beau Massey, sociology and Tharpe, speech communication.

Golf team members that garnered the honor roll were John Brannen, biochemistry and cellular and molecular biology; Clint Cromwell, psychology; John Scott Rattan, psychology; Chris Robinson, classical civilization and Brandon Skeen, accounting.

The tennis team's representative on the honor roll was Wade Orr, industrial engineering.

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From time to time, we get queries about student-athlete employment, particularly about fee-for-lesson instruction. Here's a look at what you can and cannot do.

Generally speaking, a student-athlete can receive compensation for teaching or coaching sports skills or techniques on a fee-for-lesson basis. That said, there are several restrictions on what can be done in this area:

·University facilities may not be used

·Playing lessons shall not be permitted, i.e. a golf tutor may not play a round of golf with his student

·The institution must keep on file documentation of the lessons and the fees paid for the lessons.

·The compensation must be paid by the individual or the individual's family, not by a third party.

·Instruction must be comparable to that which would be provided during lessons when the instruction would involve more than one individual at a time.

·The student-athlete's name, picture or appearance may not be used to promote or advertise the availability of fee-for-lessons.

On that latter point, an institutional or privately-run summer camp may use an athlete's name, picture and institutional affiliation only in the camp counselor section of the brochure to identify the student-athlete as a staff member. No other use may be made of the student-athletes name and/or picture.

Student-athletes may be employed at a sports camp and/or clinic, subject to the following requirements:

·Student-athletes must perform duties that are of a general supervisory nature and coaching or officiating assignments may not represent more than one-half of the student-athlete's work time.

·Compensation shall be commensurate with going rate for camp or clinic counselors of like teaching ability and camp or clinic experience and pay may not be based on the value the student-athlete may have to the employer based on the student-athlete's skill level.

·Student-athletes who lecture or demonstrate skills at a camp or clinic may not receive compensation for their appearance at the clinic

·Student-athletes with remaining eligibility may not run their own camp and/or clinic.

·Student-athletes may receive expense compensation only if travel expenses are paid and procedures for reimbursement are used for all employees of the camp or clinic.

·In cases where all camp employees and student-athletes do not receive expense payments, a cash advance may be made only if the advance does not exceed the estimated actual and necessary costs of travel or the estimated student-athlete earnings, whichever is less.

·Actual transportation from an institutions coach or representative of its athletic interests may be provided only if travel expenses are paid for all employees.

These are some of the major issues involved in camps and student-athlete employment. Please ask before you act and let us know if you have questions about student-athlete employment. If you have additional questions, call Brad Bertani at (865) 974-3871.

From the SEC Office ...
Record Setting Year

In what is becoming a rite of spring, the Southeastern Conference announced another financial windfall, doling out a record $108.8 million to its 12 members for this school year.

The amount is six percent more than last year and nearly $75 million more than the schools divvied up just a decade ago.

Schools that participated in football bowl games also kept another $7.9 million from their payouts. In addition, the NCAA provided $624,000 to SEC members for academic enhancements.

The bulk of the money was generated by football. The SEC received $44.5 million from its television packages, $21 million from bowls and $12.5 million from the league's championship game.

Basketball TV packages generated $11.3 million, while the men's tournament brought in another $3.3 million. The remaining $16.2 million was raised from various NCAA championships.

The league closed its annual spring meeting Friday, having already approved its major objective two days earlier - a plan backed by commissioner Mike Slive to promote better compliance with NCAA rules and more objective means of enforcement.

The SEC had four schools on probation and two more that could be facing sanctions. The league has been plagued by 10 major scandals in football alone over the past decade.

NCAA president Myles Brand, who met with SEC presidents, praised the initiative to cut down on cheating. Slive had made it a goal to have every league school off probation by 2007.

"My expectation is the SEC will do what it says it's going to do," Brand said. "I hear the commitment from every president on every campus that they are going to abide by these guidelines. It's impressive."

The SEC approved only one other noteworthy measure during the meetings: prohibiting schools from scheduling events during their exam periods except in special cases approved by the commissioner.

But a number of issues were discussed, including:

-Changes in the Bowl Championship Series. Slive said the SEC is likely to oppose any plan that would affect its numerous tie-ins with bowls such as Capital One (Orlando, Fla.), Outback (Tampa, Fla.) and Peach (Atlanta). All are expected to be in the running if the BCS adds a new bowl to its rotation.

-Bowl relationships. The SEC wants to avoid a repeat of last year, when the Outback messed up the conference's bowl arrangements by inviting Florida. Higher-ranked Tennessee wound up having to take the lower-paying Peach for the second year in a row. "Traditionally, the bowls have had the selection rights," Slive said. "We have no problem with that, but on occasion there needs to be some acknowledgment of what's best for the conference."

-Recruiting reform. The SEC plans to make recommendations to an NCAA committee that is studying changes in the wake of the Colorado scandal. In particular, the conference is concerned about the fairness of any new rules governing the transportation of recruits. "In a big city, you do transportation one way," Slive said. "In smaller communities, you do transportation another way."

-State-funded scholarships. The SEC turned back complaints that some schools have an unfair advantage in non-revenue sports because of programs such as Georgia's lottery-backed HOPE scholarship. Florida, Kentucky, LSU, South Carolina and Tennessee also benefit from such programs, and Arkansas will soon join the list. Schools in Mississippi and Alabama submitted a proposal to count state grants as athletic scholarships, but it was voted down.

-Basketball tournaments. The SEC rejected the idea of playing both the men's and women's tournaments at the same time in the same city. T

The Last Word...

Six Seasons Remembered: The Story of Tennessee Football's National Championship

Take the six University of Tennessee national championship titles won in 1938, 1940, 1950, 1951, 1967 and 1998, add in some vintage pictures, fascinating interviews with many of the principals (some now deceased) and some incisive analysis, and the result is Six Seasons Remembered: The Story of Tennessee Football's National Championships (University of Tennessee Press, August 2004), the newest must-have addition to every Tennessee football fan's library.

The brainchild of long-time Tennessee staffers Haywood Harris and Gus Manning, the book touches on each of the championship seasons in a style that makes the events of yesteryear seem as if they happened almost yesterday.

Manning and Harris take the reader back to some great moments in Tennessee football history with the love and loyalty they've shown the Vols football program over the years, now totaling more than 100 between them. It's as painstakingly crafted as you might expect from the two long-time Vols administrators

Told by those who played the games, from Norb Ackermann, the captain of the 1940 team, to the incomparable Al Wilson, the spiritual leader of the 1998 team, the interviews offer marvelous insights about what it takes to play and succeed at Tennessee.

With Ackermann passing away June 13 this year, the need to document Tennessee tradition becomes more apparent.

By including all six teams, not just the more-famous 1951 and 1998 aggregations, Harris and Manning wrote that, "History has largely overlooked these great teams, mainly because they were not ranked first by the best-known rating systems, which were the Associated Press poll in 1951 and the Bowl Championship series in 1998"

The teams covered are some of the finest in Vols history, beginning with the 11-0 1938 Bowden Wyatt-captained team that ran 10 regular season opponents ragged and took Oklahoma apart in the 1939 Orange Bowl. That team included College Football Hall of Fame members Bob Suffridge, Ed Molinski and George Cafego, along with coach Bob Neyland. It was also the first of three teams that were undefeated in the regular season from 1938-40, 31-2 overall.

The 1940 squad is sometimes forgotten in the comparison to 1938 and 1939 teams but the sophomores of 1938 were now seniors and had done nothing but win. There was a significant little streak involved in these years when the Vols had 71 consecutive shutout quarters from the second quarter of the 1938 LSU game through the second quarter of the 1940 Alabama game.

Opinion is also split whether the 1950 or 1951 squads were better, but they each had a great deal to offer in terms of players and memories. It was the time of John Michels, Hank Lauricella, Doug Atkins, Bob Davis, Andy Kozar and many others, when Neyland cranked up the last of his three great eras at Tennessee.

Taking over in December 1963, Doug Dickey said it would take four years to get the Vols to the top and he did just that, bringing home an SEC and national title in 1967. There were injuries by the bushel, yet someone always stepped up to make a positive impact.

The Vols went to Legion Field in October to play Alabama with a third-string quarterback and lived to tell the tale. Bob Johnson, Steve Kiner and Jack Reynolds led the way, but Dickey always referred to this team as a "T-E-A-M," with the requisite number of stars, but also with a one-for-all, all-for-one attitude.

Phillip Fulmer brought home his Tennessee national crown when no one expected it, on the heels of losing Peyton Manning, Terry Fair, Marcus Nash, et al., but no one will forget a seasons of highs marked by that prosperous win at Tempe Jan. 4, 1999, over Florida State.

The facts of the games gain new perspective when buttressed by the opinions and recollections of the participants.

The passion of those who wore the orange and white comes through in every word, as does the influence of the three legendary coaches who led the Vols to the heights - Neyland, Dickey and Fulmer.

The list of interviewees is an impressive one - men, who in their youth helped build the Vols tradition recalling with clarity the magic moments of a great and still-evolving tradition.

This is one of those books you can open and start reading at nearly any point in the narrative. Whatever your taste in Vols football, you find it here, from the precision of the single-wing, through Dewey Warren "hummin' that tater," to the magic of Tee Martin and Peerless Price.

Tennessee football is the story of great players and coaches who do great things at exactly the right time. For aficionados of Tennessee football, this book has come along at exactly the right time. The book chronicles the Saturdays of our lives (with an occasional Monday thrown in) with all the emotions that make college football and Tennessee football, in particular, so special.

It's a good read, wherever you start and wherever you finish. If you need a reason to know why you're a Tennessee fan or to explain the overriding love and loyalty the Vols engender, this is a good place to start.

by Tom Mattingly

Haywood Harris (right) and Gus Manning (left) tell the story of the Vols' six national championships

THE VOL SCOREBOARD

Former Tennessee Volunteer Chris Burke was selected to play in the All-Star Futures Game for the second straight year as announced today by Major League Baseball in conjunction with Baseball America.

The New York Mercantile Exchange All-Star Futures Game will feature the top U.S. and international Minor League prospects competing against each other as part of Taco Bell All-Star Sunday, July 11 at Minute Maid Park in Houston. The game will begin at 4 p.m. (EDT) and will be televised live on ESPN2.

Burke, who was a consensus All-America in 2001 while leading Tennessee to the College World Series and a first-round draft pick of the Houston Astros, is playing for the Triple-A New Orleans Zephyrs. He was the starting second baseman in last year's Futures game and is batting .321 with nine home runs, 28 RBI and 20 steals for New Orleans.

USA Baseball announced today that University of Tennessee pitcher Luke Hochevar was one of the final six collegiate players that have been invited to participate in the 2004 USA Baseball National Team Trials to be held June 20-26 in the Durham, N.C. The USA Baseball National Team will be selected from the pool of 36 players. The official 20-man team roster will be selected following the trials June 27.

The National Team will open play June 23 at Durham Bulls Athletic Park at 7 p.m. ET versus Canada. Team USA will also play an additional seven games in Durham, along with several more domestic exhibition games prior to representing the United States at 2004 II FISU World University Baseball Championships in Chinese Taipei, July 25-August 1.

Hochevar becomes the first Volunteer to go to the team trials since Javi Herrera made the 2001 team. Tennessee has had five players make the National Team since Todd Helton in 1993. R.A. Dickey and Augie Ojeda won Bronze medals with the Olympic team in 1996, while Chris Burke played on the 2000 squad.

Frank Cruz, head coach of Loyola Marymount, will manage the team.

Tennessee assistant coach coach Bowen Sargent was named the Jan Strickland Assistant Coach of the Year presented by TaylorMade-adidas Golf announced the Golf Coaches Association of America (GCAA).

Sargent came to Tennessee from North Carolina State, where he was a two-time All-America and All-ACC selection. Since joining the Tennessee coaching staff in July 2001, Sargent has been intimately involved with both the daily operations and recruiting efforts of the Volunteer golf program. He also spent one season as a volunteer assistant at Vanderbilt. Prior to entering coaching, Sargent spent nine years playing professionally. He had eight victories during his professional career.

Leigh Smith is the University of Tennessee's nominee for the 2004 Southeastern Conference Male Athlete of the Year Award.

Smith concluded his collegiate athletic career as the finest javelin thrower to ever take the runway at Tennessee. In his four-year career Smith won the SEC javelin title three times. He also earned All-America honors three times on the biggest stage in collegiate track and field. He saved his best season for his senior campaign.

In 2004, Smith smashed the school record and SEC meet record with his lifetime-best throw of 257-10, rocketing his javelin nearly a football field in length. In so doing, he dominated the SEC competition to take his third conference javelin title at the SEC outdoor championships in Oxford, Miss., in May. Smith becomes only the third person in Tennessee's proud track and field history to claim three SEC javelin titles.

Lady Vol junior Dee Dee Trotter pulled off a stunning victory in the 400-meter dash at the 2004 NCAA Outdoor Track & Field Championships Saturday night at Mike A. Myers Stadium, shocking 14,000 onlookers with a ferocious finish that University of Texas phenom and U.S. leader Sanya Richards was unable to match, even on her own track. That scintillating performance, coupled with a second-place finish in the 800 meters from senior Kameisha Bennett and a school-record, third-place effort by the 4x400m relay, helped the Lady Volunteers tally all of their 24 points on the final day to forge a tie for seventh in the team standings.

Trotter (pictured below), from Decatur, Ga., came roaring down the home stretch like the wild Texas wind in the 400m to overtake the defending national champion and lay claim to her first NCAA individual championship in a facility- and school-record time of 50.32. UCLA's Monique Henderson and Richards, who were touted as the pre-race favorites, followed the Big Orange standout across the line in second and third, respectively, in 50.62 and 50.68.

"I came to Austin to win a national championship, and that's the attitude I got off the airplane with," Trotter said. "My goal was to win this race and to hopefully run 49 seconds in doing so. Almost! Almost! There was a pretty strong head wind the first 200 meters or else I think I would have run 49 today."

In the process, the Lady Vol speedster toppled her own school record of 50.66, set in the NCAA final last season in a runner-up finish to Richards. She also bested the Myers Stadium standard of 50.76, which had been the property of Longhorn Suziann Reed since 1999. In producing the sixth-fastest 400 ever run by a collegiate female, Trotter also overtook Richards and Henderson atop the U.S. rankings in that event in 2004 as all eyes now turn to the Olympic Trials in Sacramento in July with bids to the Athens Olympiad on the line.

In tallying the first NCAA 400m championship indoors or out by a UT woman, Trotter became the initial Lady Vol to win an outdoor crown of any kind since Dedra Davis bagged gold in the long jump in 1994. Trotter is also the first Lady Vol to claim a running event title at NCAA Outdoors since LaVonna Martin did so in the 100-meter hurdles in 1987.

Tennessee junior diver Phillip Jones narrowly missed making the U.S. Olympic Team, missing the cut by one place at the U.S. Olympic Team Trials at the St. Peters Rec-Plex.

Entering the finals, Jones led Justin Wilcock of Centralized Training Center. On Friday, however, Jones fell behind early and couldn't catch up, finishing third with 1,073.13 points. Wilcock finished second with 1,117.83 points.

Troy Dumais, also of Centralized Training Center in The Woodlands, Texas, finished first with 1,151.37 points, but had already earned a spot on the U.S. Olympic Team when he qualified with his brother, Justin, in the three-meter synchronized event.

"It is gut wrenching (that Phillip didn't make the U.S. Olympic Team), but I'm really proud of him," UT diving coach Dave Parrington said. "We'll learn from this and make corrections towards the future."

Vols freshman Jevon Tarantino, who was in seventh entering the finals, finished with a strong round and a final score of 1,009.26 points.

"Jevon had an excellent finish," Parrington said. "He came in and had one of the highlight dives of the night. He is really happy with his performance tonight."

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